

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on October 28, 2003. Claims 1-41 are pending. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in complete condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the application in this regard.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings stand objected to because of a typographical error. Accordingly, Applicants have amended block 171 in Figure 8 to address the specific informality noted by the Examiner. Applicants therefore request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Objection to the Specification

The specification stands objected to because of an informality. Applicants have amended the specification to address the typographical error noted by the Examiner. Applicants therefore request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Rejections of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Claims 1, 12, 18, 25 and 32 are the independent claims from among the rejected claims. Claim 1, for example, recites "determining whether the performance of the electrostatic chuck is adequate to install the electrostatic chuck in the second vacuum chamber of the semiconductor processing

utterly unrelated to evaluating the performance of an electrostatic chuck. Therefore, Davenport et al. cannot provide a proper motivation or suggestion for combining the references in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made a bona fide effort to respond to each and every requirement set forth in the Office Action. Hence, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in complete condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the application in this regard. In the event that any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicants do not believe fees are dues in connection with filing this communication. If, however, additional fees are necessary as a result of this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under-payment or fees associated with this communication or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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